

UNITED STATES WAS AFTER THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Sensation in Ecuador Over Negotiations Carried on by Former Administration.

STRATEGIC VALUE

To U. S. Would be Great in View of Panama Canal.

NEGOTIATIONS WERE CARRIED BETWEEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND FORMER PRESIDENT GARCIA, OF ECUADOR, AFTER FRANCE HAD DECLINED TO PURCHASE THE GROUP.

By Associated Press.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, July 28.—Documents found among the private papers of former President Garcia, regarding the sale of the Galapagos islands to the United States, have caused a sensation here. It appears that the islands were first offered to France.

Garcia's memorandum says that Washington was first visited and President Roosevelt asked whether the United States was disposed to take over the Galapagos islands paying Ecuador five million dollars gold thus recognizing Ecuador's sovereignty over the islands. Roosevelt replied that he would recommend the proposition to congress and was sure it would be accepted and offered to appoint the American minister to continue the negotiations at Quito. The American minister, J. W. J. Lee, arrived a few days later in Ecuador. It appears that the Alvarado revolution which resulted in the overthrow of Garcia, ended the negotiations.

Negotiations with France are reported to have been interrupted owing to the belief that the United States would not consent to a European power acquiring her islands. A meeting at Quito last night protested against the action of Garcia and his ministers.

The Galapagos islands are a group of thirteen seven hundred miles west of Ecuador. Their strategic position near Panama made them valuable to the United States.

Garcia visited the United States in March 1903 and was elected president of Ecuador two years later.

STR. FIDGET TO BEGIN WORK MONDAY

Pumping Sand From the Bay Into the Big Ditch West of Baylen Street.

The work of filling in the big ditch just west of Baylen street, which runs south from Main street to the bay, will begin Monday. The steamer Fidget, which has been converted into a dredge, will fill in the ditch, which is one of the largest in the city, and which has been a menace to health for many years. Stagnant water stands in the place at all seasons of the year, and it is an impossibility to keep it drained, owing to the tide water which backs up and runs into the ditch.

Recently all the weeds and underbrush, which grew about the ditch for years, was cleared away, and the city officials then realized what a menace to health the place had become, so a permit was granted the owner to fill it in with sand from the bay.

The Fidget will pump sand from the slip between Palafox and Baylen street wharves, and while filling up the ditch will also be deepening the slip. The vessel has just completed a large amount of dredging for the Alabama and Florida land company around its wharves at the Brent mill, and will commence the new work Monday morning, conveying the sand by pipes to the ditch.

TRAINING SHIP STRANGER SAILED YESTERDAY

The training ship Stranger, which has been in port for the past three days, sailed yesterday afternoon for New Orleans and arrival there will end the annual cruise of the Louisiana Naval Reserves.

The vessel went up to Muscogee yesterday afternoon where she took coal for the trip. The men have been out on the cruise since July 16 and it has been a very beneficial and instructive one. It is expected that the Stranger will be in her home port by Monday morning.

GORKY APPEALS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

To Help Free Russia From Parasites Which Suck Its Life Blood.

By Associated Press.

New York, July 28.—Maxim Gorky today issued an appeal to the people of America to help the people of Russia and free its body from the parasites which suck its lifeblood. The appeal begins:

"The Czar has dispersed the duma. A small man, trembling on the throne for his life and power, with one stroke of the pen destroyed all semblance of law in Russia and called into life a new series of murders, robberies and outrages. The Russian government has now inaugurated a policy of brutal and bestial reprisals."

Gorky predicts the renewal of lawlessness and says "black, blood-soaked wings of death will flutter over the country for months. The exhausted earth will swallow thousands of corpses of men whose only crime is the desire to live a human life."

It closes with an appeal for help and asks: "Are there in this country living men, and will they hear the message?"

WILL ENTER AN APPEARANCE MONDAY

Men Wanted For Peonage Will Voluntarily Deliver Themselves to the Court.

Deputy United States Marshal H. Wolf returned last night from Lockhart, Ala., where he had gone in quest of three employees of The Jackson Lumber Company for whom warrants have been issued by the United States court commissioner on the charge of peonage. Lockhart is outside of the district and consequently Deputy Wolf had no power to serve warrants at that place, but he saw Manager W. S. Harlan, of the company, who assured him that the three men who are wanted would present themselves voluntarily in Pensacola on Monday and make an appearance and give bond.

Deputy Wolf was seen by a Journal representative last night but did not desire to be interviewed on his trip further than to say that he received very courteous treatment at the hands of Manager Harlan and that he had been assured that the men would present themselves before the court commissioner on Monday.

This voluntary assurance on the part of the men against whom warrants have been issued and on the part of Manager Harlan puts the matter in a little more favorable light. Manager Harlan was on the train last night en route to Mobile and St. Louis and expects to be gone about a week or ten days. He was in the sleeper when the train passed through and could not be seen.

WON THE BRIGHTON JUNIOR STAKES

By Associated Press. Brighton Beach, Long Island, July 28.—Salvador, 4 to 1, won the Brighton Junior stakes, six furlongs, worth fifteen thousand dollars, with Chaseaway second and Superman third, Time 1:33 1/4.

MISTRIAL IN THE ICE CASE

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., July 28.—The trial of the ice dealers of this city charged with maintaining a trust contrary to law and combining to raise prices resulted in a mistrial. This is the second trial, the first, several days ago, resulting in acquittal.

CLOSE CONTEST IN TEXAS ELECTION.

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., July 28.—In the democratic primaries held in Texas today a very large vote was polled, estimated at 375,000.

In the contest for governor there are four candidates, and returns tonight indicate the contest will be very close. It is not believed that either of the candidates will secure sufficient votes to nominate and that the fight will have to be taken to the state convention.

ROOT HELD RECEPTION

Americans, Brazilian Diplomats and Society Crowded the Abrantes Palace.

By Associated Press. Rio De Janeiro, July 28.—Secretary Root held a reception this afternoon in the Abrantes palace. There was a crush of Americans, Brazilian diplomats and society.

Secretary Root replying to a welcome from a delegation from parliament, said: "My visit here is for the interpretation of my country's policy." After the speeches the party retired to a pavilion in the palace grounds where the reception became informal.

IMMIGRATION TO UNITED STATES

Greater by 73,574 Than During the Year Ending June 30, 1905.

By Associated Press.

Washington, July 28.—The revised figures of immigration to the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30 indicate that it is greater by 73,574, than during the year previous. It is notable that most of the immigrants came from Hungary, Russia, and Italy. Fewer have come from progressive countries like England, Scotland, France, Germany and Sweden, than for many years before. During the year just closed nearly 1 per cent were debarred for various reasons, mainly diseases. Seventeen aliens were deported on the ground that they had been imported for immoral purposes and thirteen criminal proceedings were started in ten of which conviction was secured and three cases are still pending.

WILL HANDLE THE SEA ISLAND CROP

By Associated Press. Lake City, Fla., July 28.—The Columbia Storage and Manufacturing Co. was launched here today to erect a warehouse to handle the sea island cotton crop of Florida and south Georgia. John W. Hatcher was elected president and general manager, T. J. Appleyard secretary and M. L. Plympton treasurer.

SUMMARY OF THE WEATHER

The maximum temperature in Pensacola yesterday, according to weather bureau records, was 86 degrees at 3:20 p. m., while the minimum was 75 degrees at 1 a. m. Last year on the same date the maximum was 88 degrees and the minimum 79 degrees.

Observer Reed yesterday said in his summary of weather conditions: "Showers and thunderstorms accompanied a trough of low barometric pressure which connects a depression in Texas with one in Minnesota. A high pressure area with cool and fair weather overlies the country from Colorado northward and the pressure is also comparatively high along the Atlantic. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms have occurred east of the Mississippi River. The barometer will fall over this section as the depression in Texas advances and showers may be expected Sunday. Conditions are favorable for fair to light. Winds will be light to fresh, mostly from the south."

NEW PRECEDENT BY ALABAMA COURT

Action of Judge Weaver on Williams Case Criticised by Governor Jelks.

Habeas Corpus Declared Superior to Supreme Court.

LEGISLATURE WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE TO ENACT LAWS TO COVER POINTS AT ISSUE—JELKS REFUSES TO GRANT FURTHER RESPITES TO MURDERER.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., July 28.—Governor Jelks this afternoon declared he would have nothing further to do with the John Williams case.

When Judge Weaver of the county criminal court ruled today that he had jurisdiction to investigate the sanity of John Williams, who was convicted and sentenced to be hanged in Cullman county yesterday, he set a new precedent in Alabama. Habeas corpus has apparently stepped in and declared itself superior to the state supreme court, pardoning board and governor.

"If Judge Weaver's decision is right," said Governor Jelks, "an impossible condition exists. The legislature will doubtless have to enact laws to cover the points. I will issue no more respites. The matter will have to be settled in the courts."

Judge Weaver has set August 6 to investigate the prisoner's mental condition.

WASHINGTON CO. POPULISTS MEET

Nominated Several Candidates to be Voted Upon at the November Elections.

Special to The Journal.

Vernon, July 28.—The Populist party, sailing under the non de plume of White Citizens Convention, met at this place Thursday in pursuance to a call for the purpose of nominating candidates to run against the regular nominees of the Democratic primary. After electing A. W. Weeks chairman, and Bee Brooks secretary, the convention proceeded to nominate the following gentlemen for the offices to be filled at the general election in November:

For representative—No action taken. For Tax Assessor—No action taken. For Tax Collector—A. W. Potter. For County Treasurer—J. E. Howell.

County Commissioner, District 1—Bee Brooks. County Commissioner, District 2—Levi Yates, Jr. County Commissioner, District 3—C. P. Gilbert. County Commissioner, District 4—G. W. Lee. County Commissioner, District 5—No one willing to be sacrificed.

Members School Board—W. L. Parish, John Wilson, G. T. Crooms. There was a very slim attendance at the convention, not one half of the precincts of the county being represented, and those that were represented did not have their quota of delegates.

CHICAGO DAMAGED BY SEVERE STORM

By Associated Press. Chicago, July 28.—A heavy rain-storm deluged Chicago today, flooding many basements and causing great damage throughout the downtown district. The fire department received more than fifty calls for assistance from places which were so flooded as to stop business. Four of the most popular restaurants in the city asked for help.

RECEPTION TENDERED TO MR. AND MRS. BRYAN

By Associated Press. London, July 28.—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan were guests at a reception by the Irish Club this evening and were welcomed by T. P. O'Connor. Mr. Bryan replied, dwelling on the part of the Irish in upbuilding the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan left later for a trip through Holland, Switzerland, and to Venice and Rome and will reach Paris August 10. Thence they go to Gibraltar and sail for home on August 20.

REPUBLIC IS NOW AT PEACE

Salvadoran Army Has Been Disbanded—Grateful For Intercession.

By Associated Press. La Libertad, Salvador, July 28.—The United States cruiser Marblehead, with American Minister Merry on board, will leave tomorrow for Corinto.

The Salvadoran army, excepting the peace establishment, has been paid off and disbanded. The entire republic is again at peace and the people are grateful to the United States and Mexico for their kindly intercession in the trouble with Guatemala.

ELECTRIC CAR RUN DOWN BY TRAIN

Three Killed and Sixty Injured in Accident Near Los Angeles, Cal.

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, July 28.—A local Southern Pacific passenger train, running between Pasadena and Los Angeles, collided this afternoon with an electric car near Pasadena, killing three persons and injuring sixty, several fatally. Most of the dead and injured were passengers on the electric car and resided at Sierra Madre.

The conductor of the car went ahead to see if the crossing was clear and failed to see the train approaching around a curve. The engine struck the car square in the middle, lifting it and carrying it two hundred feet along the track. The engine and one coach went into the ditch.

MATCH BETWEEN TWO FAST HORSES

JIM CROW, OWNED BY T. E. WELLES AND SARAH C. BELLE TO RACE.

A match race, which is now the talk of the horse lovers of Pensacola is the one just arranged between Jim Crow, owned by T. E. Welles and Sarah C. Belle, the mare that is owned by Willie J. Connor. The event will not be pulled off until Friday after next, and will be under the rules of the Pensacola Driving Association.

Sarah C. Belle is so far the acknowledged champion of the local track. She was brought here about a month since by Mr. Connor and has carried off every race in which she has been entered. One Spot, the fastest on the track up to the time of the arrival of Sarah C. Belle was easily beaten, and in racing later she has carried off the honors so easily that the other horses were hardly in the race.

Captain Welles, however, has a fast one in Jim Crow. In fact no one, except the captain knows the speed of the animal and it is safe to say that he would never be entered against Sarah C. Belle as Captain Welles is familiar with the work of the latter. The Driving Association, which was recently formed, has signed a lease with the owners of the park for the exclusive use of the track until October, and racing events will occur every week.

RUSH OF CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNORSHIP OF FLORIDA

LABOR AGENT HELD UP IN ATMORE

Three Negroes Jailed for Waylaying and Badly Injuring Frank Gadsden.

Special to The Journal. Brewton, Ala., July 28.—R. G. Clarke, deputy sheriff at Atmore came to Brewton this evening with Robt. Knight and Sam Nicholson, alias Sam Jones, of Mobile, and Bailey Simmons of Atmore and placed them in jail charged with waylaying and robbing Frank Gadsden, labor agent for the Nokomis Lumber Company, at Atmore last night.

Gadsden was hit in the head several times with a blunt instrument and rendered unconscious and was brought to Brewton and is in a critical condition.

Nicholson and Simmons have practically confessed to the crime. They are now confined in the Escambia jail with the charge of waylaying docketed against them. All the parties are negroes.

TENT MEETINGS WILL SOON BEGIN

Methodists Have Erected Tent at The Corner of DeVillier and Garden Streets.

A series of tent meetings will begin next Wednesday night under the auspices of the Palafox Street Methodist church, preparations for which have now about been completed. A large tent has been secured and placed at the corner of DeVillier and Garden streets, and the services will be held there each night, conducted by Rev. W. Q. Vreeland and Rev. J. Barney Butler.

Mr. Butler has had considerable experience in meetings of this nature, and hopes and believes that the series that will commence Wednesday will be as successful as those he has held in other places in the past. The tent is amply large enough to accommodate an immense congregation, and it will be much cooler than a building during the evening.

Both ministers of the Palafox church are very enthusiastic over the approaching meetings, and believe that they will result in much good and many acquisitions to the church. The public is cordially invited to be present at these services, which will continue for some time.

DOWIE'S FIGHT IS NOT ENDED

By Associated Press. Chicago, July 28.—John Alexander Dowie's fight for control of Zion City and the Christian Catholic Church has not ended, according to counsel Emil G. Wetten, who said an appeal from Judge Landis's decision would probably be announced early next week.

BIG HAUL BY RUSSIAN ROBBERS

By Associated Press. Warsaw, July 28.—A passenger train on the Warsaw and Vienna railroad was held up nine miles from here this evening by an armed band of fifty. The postal car was robbed of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars of government money. No one was hurt.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

By Associated Press. Talladega, Ala., July 28.—J. T. Phillips, was killed and his wife and the small child of a neighbor were fatally injured by a lightning stroke at Fayetteville, Ala., today. Both families are prominent.

Newton A. Blitch and Senator Carson Will Shy Their Castors Into the Arena.

BOTH HANDICAPPED

Not Being Residents of West Florida They Have no Chance.

PERSISTENT RUMOR CIRCULATING THAT JEFFERSON B. BROWN ASPIRES TO SUCCEED SPARKMAN IN CONGRESS—LAKE CITY. GAINESVILLE UNIVERSITY CASE NOW SIMPLY A LOCAL FIGHT.

By Jefferson Bell. Tallahassee, July 28.—Candidates to right of them; candidate to the left of them; if the rush continues, before the season is out all my friends will be candidates for governor, and the situation will be come embarrassing. At Ocala last week I was informed that Hon. Newton Blitch, member elect of the Railroad Commission will surely be a candidate, and on my return to Tallahassee another boded up in the shape of former Senator C. A. Carson of Kissimmee.

Mr. Blitch is as strong in the hearts of Floridians as any man in the state. He is rugged, clean and honest. I do not know a single objection that could be urged against him. Senator Carson is another of the same sort. Both are men who are respected throughout the state, and it is very unfortunate for them that they are not from West Florida, where I have already said the next governor will come from.

Should Senator Carson become a candidate he will have the support of the young governor-maker, W. J. Bryan, who managed Governor Broward's campaign. Mr. Bryan being his brother-in-law. This fact has lent considerable color to the report that Mr. Carson will be a candidate.

Another persistent rumor is to the effect that Hon. Jefferson B. Browne, who will retire from the Railroad Commission the first of January will be a candidate for congress when Mr. Sparkman's term expires. It is said that Mr. Sparkman is under promise to his friends not to offer again for congress, but will most probably be a candidate for the senate at the next "go round."

I had a talk with Major Healey in Jacksonville several days ago, and found him interesting as usual and with the latest political gossip at his finger tips, but as he expressed it, there is nothing definite yet, and the gubernatorial situation is really in the air. There will be candidates galore but when the time comes the opposing forces will concentrate on two men, and there the fight will be centered.

The announcement that Hon. George W. Wilson, editor of the Times-Union is regaining his health is very gratifying to his hundreds of friends throughout the state. He and Mrs. Wilson, have gone north for the summer and he confidently expects to be strong enough to resume his work by fall.

I have known Mr. Wilson since my childhood and have always had a high regard for his honesty, his ability and the admirable qualities that gave him his high place among men. His breakdown was a matter of personal regret and I rejoice at the announcement of his rapid improvement.

The Supreme Court is busy trying to clear its docket before the time for adjournment for the summer vacation. The Court had expected to adjourn early in August, but there are still a number of cases to be disposed of. The matter of greatest interest in the Court this week was the petition for writs of habeas corpus in the Ice Trust cases from Jacksonville which the Court denied. Several opinions were filed, all being in criminal cases.

The Lake City Case. Mr. W. Wade Hampton of Gainesville and Mr. N. P. Bryan and Mr. J. N. Stripling, were on the train last Thursday, returning from Quincy where they had been to argue the Lake City injunction against the Board of Control before Judge Malone. Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hampton were jubilant over the dissolution of the injunction by Judge Malone. Mr. Hampton said: "I don't know how I will be received in Lake City. I've got to stop there to have the order of the court recorded, but they know I at least, am consistent in this fight. I was opposed to the Buckman Bill and fought its passage, but they would cram it down our throats. Now they must take their own medicine." I noticed when he got off the train he was met very cordially at the depot although his errand could not have been very agreeable to the people of Lake City.

Simply a Local Fight. Mr. Bryan said they would begin at once moving the equipment to Gainesville, but I have learned since that Major Thomas had to send teams from Gainesville to haul it to the cars as no teams could be obtained in Lake City. I have felt a great deal of sympathy